Wentzville Middle School

April 2022 Newsletter

Dear WMS Families,

The fourth quarter has started and my hope is that warmer weather is just around the corner. One of the things that always occurs in the fourth quarter is our state standardized testing. Now that they are finalized, I wanted to share with you the dates for MAP testing at WMS. Seventh-grade students will test on May 4 and May 5. Testing for eighth-grade students will occur on May 10, May 11, and May 12. Please try not to schedule any appointments that would cause your child to miss school on any of these days. We do not want to have to pull them from classes to take make-up MAP tests.

The Spring Fling, a 7th-grade only event, will be held on Friday, April 8, from 4:30-6:30 pm. Tickets sales will end April 6. Tickets are \$5 each and include food, drinks, and a Hawaiian Leis. Please take note of the rules for this event:

- Students must be in attendance for at least half of the school day on Friday to be able to attend unless arrangements are made prior to Friday.
- Students may not attend if they are in ISS or OSS on the day of the dance. No refunds will be issued.
- NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!
- Students must bring their ticket and signed permission slip to the dance. The ticket number MUST correspond with the student's name on the master list. Students can only enter with THEIR OWN ticket that THEY purchased from the ticket table, or a replacement issued by Mr. Cannon.
- They CANNOT get in on a ticket assigned to another student!
- Doors will open promptly at 4:30 pm. Students will enter through the gym annex doors only.
- Only current 7th-grade WMS students will be allowed entry.
- No bags, backpacks, food, or drinks may be brought into the dance.
- All students must have a ride or arrangements promptly at 6:30 pm that evening. If students leave the building, there will be no re-entry.

Spring Fling will be held in the WMS gym, multi-purpose room, annex, adjacent hallway, and cafeteria only. All other areas of the building will be closed.

All school rules apply.

As a lead up to this event we are also planning a school-wide Spirit Week.

Monday- Dress like your favorite music artist day

Tuesday- Disney/Cartoon character Day

Wednesday- Teachers dress like students, Students dress like teachers (Reversed Roles day)

Thursday- Cardinals Day

Friday- Tourist Day

Please reach out to teachers, counselors, and administrators with questions and concerns. We are here to help your child succeed.

Dr. Mantz



Support Staff of the Year

Congratulations to Marci Caudill who is the WMS Support Employee of the year. Marci has been described as the Chick-fil-a of WMS. She has great customer service for both staff and students. She has been a great addition to the WMS team.

Thanks, Marci, for all you do for us!

Indian of the Month

Congratulations to WMS Indian of the Month March recipients.

The "Indian of the Month" award winners represent the outstanding qualities and excellent characteristics of our entire student population.





7th Grade Spring Fling

This year we will be hosting the first ever WMS Spring Fling! Spring Fling is a 7th grade only event to be held on Friday, April 8, from 4:30-6:30 in the WMS gym and cafeteria. We will have a spring themed event with games, music, and food. Spring Fling tickets and t-shirts will go on sale before school, starting March 14. T-shirt sales will end March 18 and ticket sales will end April 6. Tickets are \$5 each and include food, drinks, and a Hawaiian Leis. T-shirts are \$10 each and are available in adult sizes.

North Point High School Cheerleading and Dance Team Tryouts

Are you an 8th grade student interested in trying out for the North Point Cheer team next year? Clinic days will be April 4 & 5 from 2:45 - 4:00 pm in North Point's Main Gym. Tryouts will be held April 7 from 3-5 pm. Students can leave as they finish their try out. Contact katierosner@wsdr4.org with any questions. Informational packets are available in the WMS main office.



North Point Dance Team tryouts will be April 12 through April 14 from 5-8 pm in North Point's Main Gym. Please contact ginabundra@wsdr4.org with any questions.



Holt Cheerleading Tryouts

Are you an 8th grade student interested in trying out for the Holt cheer team next year?

Clinic days will be April 11 & 12 4:30-6:30 pm. There will be a mandatory parent meeting on April 11 following clinic at 6:30 pm. Tryouts will be on Wednesday, April 13, from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Fittings with Varsity for uniform and gear will follow tryouts on that day.

Students must have a physical on file and no fines on their student record. Parents must complete the online athletic registration at http://holths-ar.rschooltoday.com. The registration deadline is Friday, April 8.

Once the registration is complete, you will receive an email with an information packet. This packet needs to be filled out and turned in on the first day of clinic.

Any questions can be directed to Jason Green jasongreen@wsdr4.org.



2022 Summer School

Registration is now open for the 2022 Summer School programs for WSD students *entering* grades K-12 in the fall. The WSD will be offering a Summer School Program for K-5 students called Summer Journey, which is free of charge for our families and is an exciting approach to learning for our students. Middle school summer enrichment classes for students in grades 6-8, and high school credit

recovery & advancement courses for students grades 9-12 will also be offered. All summer school (K-12) will be held June 7 - June 30. For more information and to register, please visit the WSD website: https://bit.ly/3307p0h #WSDlearns



Counseling Corner Newsletter

Click here to view the WMS Counseling Corner Newsletter for April.

New Visitor Management Sytem

Part of keeping students and staff safe is knowing who is in our building at all times, so we are rolling out a system to allow us to do just that. Starting Jan. 24, 2022, WSD visitors will check in to our buildings using Raptor, a new visitor management system designed to assist with building security.



What does that mean for you?

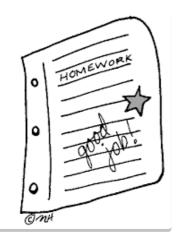
- When you arrive in a WSD building as a visitor, you will be asked to scan your ID, take a photo and complete the management system's check-in process.
- Raptor will screen the information against sex offender databases and locally customized lists of banned or potentially threatening individuals, instantly alert school officials to a threatening presence, and maintain a searchable log of all visitors.
- Once approved, you will get a customized visitor badge to wear while in the building.

Thank you for your support as we roll this out and enhance school safety protocols!

No Activity Bus

There will be no Activity Bus until further notice.





Homework Assist

WMS is pleased to offer After School Homework Assist. WMS teachers, along with A+ tutors from Holt High School, are available Monday through Thursday from 2:35 - 3:30 pm. This will be offered in Room 124.

Chromebook Insurance

The district is offering an insurance program for your child's Access Initiative device (Chromebook). The cost to participate in this program is \$20* annually. Participation is optional. Coverage takes effect once payment is received, and the Access Initiative device is issued to your child. It is not retroactive. Buying into the program provides coverage only during the current school year, so from the time payment is received



through the end of the school year, which is June 30. The program fee is non-refundable and does not transfer to the next school year if the insurance is not used.

*Please note the insurance fee to participate is \$20, as SISK12 / Student360 is reflecting an inaccurate fee of \$10.

We have a building technician who is able to complete almost all of the repairs necessary, but please know a fee is assessed to students for these repairs. The insurance does make a difference.





Upcoming Dates

April 1

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

April 2

Track Meet - Hannibal 10:00 AM

April 4

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

April 5

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM Writing Club 2:35 PM - 3:30 PM

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

April 7

STUCO Meeting 2:35 - 3:30 PM

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

NJHS Induction - Holt Auditorium 6:00 PM

April 8

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

7th Spring Fling 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

April 11

Track Meet - Wright City 3:30 PM

April 12

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

WMS Talent Show - Holt Auditorium 6:00 PM

April 13

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

April 14

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

April 15

NO CLASSES

April 18

LATE START 9:35 AM

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

April 19

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

Writing Club 2:35 PM - 3:30 PM

April 20

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

April 21

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

April 22

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

April 25

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

April 26

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

Writing Club 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

Jazz Band Concert - Holt Auditorium 7:00 PM

April 27 Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

April 28 STUCO Meeting 2:35 PM - 3:30 PM Track Meet - Holt HS 3:30 PM

April 29 Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Wentzville R-IV School District Values

<u>Learning</u> - Equipping students, staff and community to apply skills and knowledge necessary to excel in a changing world.

<u>Community</u> - Respecting the stakeholders' perspectives with honesty and transparency as we create a world class educational system.

Excellence - Fostering a culture which supports the highest level of individual success.

<u>Integrity</u> - Dedicating ourselves to making courageous decisions and providing resources for the continuous improvement of the Wentzville School District

Our vision for Wentzville Middle School is for all students to be successful independent thinkers who are confident and intrinsically motivated for success.

Our learning community will work collaboratively to create a safe, welcoming, and connected learning environment that both nurture and challenge students to excel academically.

SCHOOL HOURS 7:35 AM - 2:35 PM OFFICE HOURS 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

LUNCH SCHEDULE
7B, 7C, and 7G 10:20 AM -10:45 AM
8B, 8C and 8W 10:55 AM -11:20 AM
7R and 7M 11:25 AM -11:50 AM
8P and 8S 11:59 AM -12:24 PM



Wentzville Middle School

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